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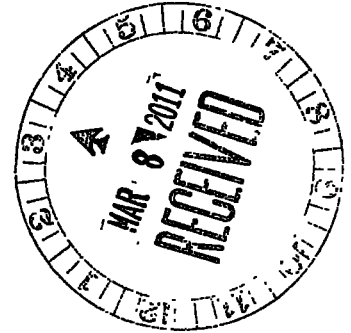
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Re: STB Finance Docket No. 35456, Austin Western Railroad, L.L.C. –  
Lease and Operation Exemption – Capital Metropolitan  
Transportation Authority

Dear Ms Brown:

Austin Western Railroad, L.L.C. ("AWRR"), hereby certifies that on March 4, 2011, AWRR posted the attached Notice at the workplace of the employees on the rail lines that are the subject of this transaction and on March 7, 2011, AWRR served a copy of the Notice on the national and local offices of the labor union with employees on the affected lines.

Please time and date stamp the extra copy of the Petition and return it with our messenger.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Karl Morell'.

Karl Morell

Enclosure

# **NOTICE**

Austin Western Railroad, L.L.C. ("AWRR"), will be leasing the rail lines owned by Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("CMTA") located between: (1) Milepost -1.13, at or near Giddings, TX, and Milepost 154.1, near Llano, TX; and (2) Milepost 0.0, near Fairland, TX and Milepost 6.5, near Marble Falls, TX. AWRR will also lease and operate over the Scobee Spur and the Burnett Spur. AWRR is currently the freight operator on these lines.

**AWRR does not expect to hire any additional employees as a result of leasing the lines from CMTA.**

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